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CULTURAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND ITALY
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Italy are two giants in the panorama of world culture;

(b) if so, whether any cultural agreement has been signed between the two countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof;and

(d) the extent to whichit is likely to strengthen the cooperation between the two countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Cultural Agreement between two countries was signed in November, 1996.

(c) In pursuance of this agreement, both sides have so far implemented five three year Cultural Exchange programmes. The last such Programme is valid till the end of 2000. The programme provides for cooperation and exchanges in the fields of education, language, art and culture, archaeology, archives, museology, libraries, mass media and protection of cultural heritage. The Programme also envisages an active collaboration between the universities, cultural and academic institutions in the two countries.

(d) The co-operation in the field of cultural exchanges, exchanges of experts, scholars, students, authors and academicians have been growing over the years.